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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: COMMUNIQUE
LANGUAGE ON GERMANY AND BERLIN

REFS: (A) STATE 96987; (B) BONN 7283; (C) USNATO 2464

BEGIN SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP HAS AGREED ON A REVISED COMMUNIQUE
PASSAGE ON BERLIN WHICH FOLLOWS ESSENTIALLY
THE LINE PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REF (A). IT IS
NOT CONSIDERED AN AD REF DRAFT, INASMUCH AS FRENCH AND
FRG INSTRUCTIONS CALL FOR FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURE
EARLIER RECOMMENDED BY THE BONN GROUP (I.E., INFORMING
NATO IN ADVANCE THAT THERE IS TO BE A SUMMIT
DECLARATION ON BERLIN), WHILE THE UK REP FEELS
INHIBITED FROM AGREEING FORMALLY TO A NEW TEXT UNTIL
HE HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PREVIOUS ONE.
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TEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE BONN GROUP DISCUSSED THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE
PASSAGE ON BERLIN AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 29, BEFORE
RECEIPT OF US INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL (A), AND AGAIN ON
APRIL 30.

2. AT THE APRIL 29 MEETING THE FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) REPORTED THAT PARIS HAD APPROVED THE AD REF TEXT IN REF (B). HENZE (FRG) STATED THAT THAT TEXT HAD ALSO BEEN APPROVED IN BONN AT THE VAN WELL LEVEL, WITH ONE CHANGE: AMENDMENT OF THE OPENING PHRASE TO READ, "WITH REGARD TO GERMANY AS A WHOLE AND BERLIN,"

3. HENZE ALSO SAID VAN WELL BELIEVED THAT THE OTHER NATO ALLIES SHOULD BE TOLD SOON THAT A DECLARATION ON BERLIN WOULD EMERGE FROM THE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT MEETING. BOISSIEU AND EYERS (UK) THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE BONN GROUP TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE LATTER POINT. BECAUSE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT AND THE DECLARATION HAD BEEN MADE THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR VAN WELL TO TRY OUT HIS IDEA DIRECTLY WITH HIS US, BRITISH AND FRENCH COUNTERPARTS.

4. THE US REP PRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION AND PROPOSED REVISED LANGUAGE (REF A) ON APRIL 30. EYERS PREDICTABLY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO ENTER INTO A REDRAFTING EXERCISE BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED LONDON'S INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FIRST BONN GROUP DRAFT. BOISSIEU AND HENZE ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ON TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NEW DRAFT, GIVEN THE APPROVAL FROM CAPITALS OF THE IDEA OF

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INFORMING THE REST OF THE ALLIANCE IN ADVANCE THAT
THERE WAS TO BE A SUMMIT DECLARATION.

5. ALL FOUR BONN GROUP REPS CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE FOR THE MINISTERIAL
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON MAY 11 TO IGNORE THE SUMMIT
DECLARATION ISSUED ON MAY 9. THE US REP REITERATED
THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT EXCLUDE THAT
POSSIBILITY AND THAT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WAS
ON THE TIMING FOR ASKING THE REST OF THE ALLIANCE TO
TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE SUMMIT DECLARATION.

6. AGREEMENT WAS THEN REACHED ON A REVISED COMMUNIQUE
PASSAGE WHICH MADE RELATIVELY MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN
THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT. THE US REP ACCEPTED THE NEW
TEXT ON AN AD REF BASIS. THE OTHER THREE REPS STATED
THAT THEY WOULD REPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON
TIMING OF INFORMING THE ALLIANCE AND, ASSUMING THAT WAS
ACCEPTED IN THE OTHER THREE CAPITALS, WOULD RECOMMEND
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THAT THE REVISED TEXT BE APPROVED FOR INTRODUCTION NOW
INTO THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING PROCESS. ALL FOUR REPS
FURTHER AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE IDEA OF CHANGING
THE TEXT ON MAY 9 BE KEPT ALIVE.

7. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REVISED PASSAGE:

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THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE STABILITY WHICH
HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE IN AND AROUND BERLIN BY THE
QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971 WOULD BE
MAINTAINED. THEY NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT STRICT
OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT AGREEMENT
ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE.

END TEXT.

8. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE
ABOVE REVISED TEXT.
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